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VIA CM-ECF

Honorable Ronnie Abrams
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Michael Hild, et al., No. 19-cr-602 (RA) – Request for Final Pretrial Conference be a Videoconference

Dear Judge Abrams:

I am counsel for defendant Michael Hild in this matter. I write for the purpose of requesting that our final pretrial conference, scheduled for April 8, 2021 at 3 p.m., be a videoconference. Defense counsel has his office in Kentucky, and will be traveling to your jurisdiction for the trial of this matter. Conducting the pretrial conference via videoconference would allow the defense team proper time to comply with the Court's Memorandum, dated March 9, 2021, regarding entry into the courthouse under current COVID guidelines without causing undue hardship in terms of its travel schedule. I have consulted with the attorneys for the government, who agree this request is reasonable under the circumstances.

Sincerely,


Benjamin G. Dusing

cc: All Counsel of Record

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SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
March 19, 2021



RONNIE ABRAMS, U.S.D.J.